

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A container holder for supporting a plurality of containers wherein the container holder is positioned on a surface, the container holder comprising:

a first stopper defined by peripheral walls wherein the peripheral walls extend between a first end and a second end;

a base having a perimeter defining an exterior of the base wherein the perimeter is defined between a first end, a second end, a first edge and a second edge wherein the base has a width and a length wherein the base is planar ~~surface~~ wherein the length is defined between a ~~the~~ first end and a second end and the width is defined between the first edge and the second edge wherein the width is continuously uniform between the first edge and the second edge wherein the ~~planar surface of the~~ base is positioned adjacent to the surface and further wherein the first stopper is ~~connected~~ secured to the first end of the base; and

a support element adjacent to the surface wherein the second end of the base is ~~associated with~~ connected to the support element and further wherein the length of the base extends between the first stopper and the support element.

Claim 2 (original) The container holder of Claim 1 wherein the support element is a second stopper having peripheral walls between a first end and a second end.

Claim 3 (original) The container holder of Claim 1 further comprising:

stitching connecting the first end of the base to the first stopper.

Claim 4 (original) The container holder of Claim 1 further comprising:

a hoop at the first end of the base wherein the first stopper is inserted into the hoop.

Claim 5 (original) The container holder of Claim 1 wherein the support element is a nonparallel surface with respect to the surface.

Claim 6 (original) The container holder of Claim 1 wherein the base wraps around the support element.

Claim 7 (original) The container holder of Claim 1 further comprising:

a loop at the second end of the base wherein the support element is inserted into the loop.

Claim 8 (original) The container holder of Claim 1 wherein the base has a length greater than a length of the first stopper.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The container holder of Claim 1 further comprising:

a scale attached to ~~the planar surface of~~ the base wherein the scale is related to the plurality of containers.

Claim 10 (original) The container holder of Claim 1 further comprising:

an auxiliary device associated with the first stopper wherein the auxiliary device cooperates with one of the plurality of containers.

Claim 11 (withdrawn) A method for holding a plurality of containers on a surface, the method comprising the steps of:

placing a stopper on the surface;

positioning a base on the surface wherein the base has a length defined between a first end and a second end wherein the first end is connected to the stopper; and

positioning a support element at a point near the second end wherein the support element is adjustable based on a number of the plurality of containers and further wherein the stopper abuts against one of the plurality of containers and the support element abuts against another one of the plurality of containers.

Claim 12 (withdrawn) The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of:

attaching the first end of the base to the stopper.

Claim 13 (withdrawn) The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of:

overlapping the base around the support element.

Claim 14 (withdrawn) The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of:

attaching the second end of the base to the support element.

Claim 15 (withdrawn) The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of:

dividing the length of the base into a scale related to the plurality of containers.

Claim 16 (currently amended) A system for supporting a plurality of containers on a surface, the system comprising:

a stopper having a length defined between a first end and a second end wherein the stopper has peripheral walls defining an interior wherein the peripheral walls extend between the first end and the second end; and

an arm having at least two exterior edges wherein the arm has a length defined between a first end and a second end wherein the arm has a width defined between a first exterior edge and a second exterior edge wherein the first end of the arm is attached to the stopper such that the length of the arm extends substantially perpendicular to the length of the stopper and further wherein the arm is uniformly flat and continuous between the first exterior edge and the second exterior edge.

Claim 17 (original) The system of Claim 16 further comprising:

a support element associated with the second end of the arm wherein one of the plurality of containers abut the stopper and another one of the plurality of containers abut the support element.

Claim 18 (original) The system of Claim 16 further comprising:

a scale associated with the length of the arm wherein the scale is related to the plurality of containers.

Claim 19 (original) The system of Claim 16 further comprising:

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Claim 20 (original) The system of Claim 16 further comprising:  
an auxiliary device associated with the stopper.